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- The Society of Friends of the Soviet Union was founded by the Communist Party in order to reach intellectual groups not otherwise in touch with Communist Party activities. Its members cite Antun Tabit, Lebanese Communist, as an example of an intellectual who cannot work effectively in any Quarter section among the workers, but who can work with those on his own social level.
- 2. The Society has no law or constitution which governs its relations with the Communist Party. However, it is relatively easy for Communist Party members and sympathizers, who form the overwhelming majority in the Society, to make use of non-Communist members. Liaison between the Society and the Party is carried on by Ra'if Kimri. Comment. Khuri is a Communist writer who has long been active in promoting the cultural 25X1A6a relations work of the Sowets in Lebanon.)
- 3. Since most members of the Society are socially prominent, the Society (now banned by the Lebanese Government) is inactive, as its members cannot participate openly in its affairs.

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